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VIA MESSENGER

Jeff S. Jordan

Federal Election Commission

999 E Street NW

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Re: MUR 6841

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We write as counsel to Senator Harry Reid, Friends for Harry Reid (the "Committee"), and Claude Zobell, Treasurer, (collectively, "Respondents") in response to a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission (the "FEC" or "Commission") by David McKeon on June 6, 2014 (the "Complaint"). The Complaint incorrectly alleges that Respondents deliberately and knowingly failed to include an appropriate disclaimer in an email sent by the Committee regarding Lucy Flores, a candidate for lieutenant governor in Nevada.

On June 5, 2014, the Committee sent an email to its own email list expressing Senator Reid's support for Ms. Flores' candidacy and asking his supporters to contribute \$5.00 or whatever they could to her campaign. As the email was sent to the Committee's own list, it is clear that the intended audience was individuals who have supported Senator Reid in the past. Further, the \$5.00 explicit ask in the email demonstrates that it was intended to facilitate low-dollar donations to Ms. Flores' campaign. In fact, in connection with the email sent by the Committee, Ms. Flores' campaign received a total of sixty-two contributions, ranging in amounts from \$5.00 to \$100.00, from federally permissible sources.

Respondents take seriously their responsibility to comply with all Commission regulations. In this case, Senator Reid did not review the email that was sent by the Committee prior to its distribution, and it was sent before appropriate compliance procedures had been followed. Immediately upon discovering this, within days of the original send, the Committee re-sent the email to its list expressly noting that Senator Reid was only asking for contributions of up to \$2,600 per election from individuals and \$5,000 per election from multicandidate PACs, and that

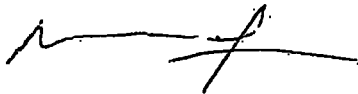
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he was not asking for contributions from federally prohibited sources. Further, the Committee limited the contributions that could be made on the accompanying donation page to these amounts and required donors to affirm that the contribution was made from a federally permissible source. In addition, the Committee took appropriate steps to strengthen its compliance procedures and ensure that all emails, including those that express support for non-federal candidates, include the appropriate disclaimers.

The facts described above clearly demonstrate that Respondents did not deliberately or knowingly fail to include the appropriate disclaimer on an email. Further, the contributions actually received by Ms. Flores' campaign were all well below the federal contribution limits and were made by federally permissible sources. Accordingly, the Commission should find no reason to believe that Respondents violated the Act and dismiss this matter immediately.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc E. Elias', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Marc E. Elias
Danielle E. Friedman